

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (New) A display screen management apparatus for controlling a screen resource that is required to display a screen on a display, the display screen management apparatus comprising:

an instruction section receiving an instruction to switch a screen currently displayed on the display to another screen; and

a screen control section for, when it is determined that the currently displayed screen is hidden by the another screen, and when the currently displayed screen is in a resident state indicating that the currently displayed screen has a high frequency of display, displaying the another screen on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 20 (New) The display screen management apparatus according to claim 19, wherein, when it is determined that the currently displayed screen is hidden by the another screen and that the currently displayed screen is not in the resident state, and when a display time, from when the another screen that is displayed on the display to when the another screen is in to a non-displayed state, is shorter than a predetermined time, the screen control section does not discard the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 21 (New) The display screen management apparatus according to claim 19, wherein, when it is determined that the currently displayed screen is hidden by the another screen and when it is determined that by causing at least a portion of the another screen to be transparent, the currently displayed screen is not hidden by the another screen, the screen control section displays the another screen on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 22 (New) A display screen management method for controlling a screen resource that is required to display a screen on a display, the display screen management method comprising:

inputting an instruction to switch a screen currently displayed on the display to another screen; and

displaying, when it is determined that the currently displayed screen is hidden by the another screen, and when the screen resource of the currently displayed screen is in a resident state indicating that the currently displayed screen has a high frequency of display, the another screen on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.